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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/587,599	Applicant(s) IGUCHI ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 August 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 08/02/2006 has been considered by the examiner.

Drawings

2. The drawings were received on 08/02/2006. These drawings are accepted by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Guo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,734,825).

Regarding claim 1, Guo et al. teaches in figures 4-13 an antenna device comprising: a grounding board [312] having an edge; an antenna [400] provided on the grounding board, the antenna including a dielectric block [318] having a top surface, a bottom surface opposite to the top surface, and a side surface connected to the top surface and the bottom surface (See Figure 4), the top surface having an outer periphery, a radiator electrode [320] provided on the top surface, a short-circuit electrode [314] provided on the side surface, the short-circuit electrode having a first end and a second end, the first end of the short-circuit electrode being connected to the grounding board, the second end of the short-circuit electrode being connected to the radiator electrode, and a feeding electrode [316] provided on the side surface and connected to the radiator electrode, wherein the bottom surface of the dielectric block

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contacts the grounding board, wherein the outer periphery of the top surface of the dielectric block has a first side at which the top surface is connected with the side surface, wherein the radiator electrode includes a short-circuited end (See Figure 4) connected to the second end of the short circuit electrode, and a portion extending from the short-circuited end along the outer periphery of the top surface of the dielectric block, the portion of the radiator electrode having an open end (See Figure 4) located at the first side of the dielectric block, and wherein the side surface of the dielectric block is substantially flush with the edge of the grounding board.

Regarding claim 2, Guo et al. teaches in figures 4-13 the antenna device of claim 1, wherein a width of the open end of the radiator electrode [320] is greater than a width of the short-circuited end of the radiator electrode (See Figure 4).

Regarding claim 3, Guo et al. teaches in figures 4-13 the antenna device of claim 1, wherein the outer periphery of the top surface of the dielectric block [318] further has a second side opposite to the first side; and wherein the radiator electrode [320] further includes a first portion extending along the second side, and a second portion extending along the first side.

Regarding claim 4, Guo et al. teaches in figures 4-13 the antenna device of claim 3, wherein the outer periphery of the top surface of the dielectric block [318] further has a third side connected to the first side and the second side of the outer periphery, and a fourth side connected to the first side and the second side, the fourth side of the outer periphery being opposite to the third side of the outer periphery, wherein the radiator electrode [320] further includes a third portion extending from the short-circuited end

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along the third side, and a fourth portion extending along the fourth side, wherein the first portion extends from the third portion to the fourth portion; and wherein the second portion extends from the fourth portion (See Figure 4).

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shih-Chao Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1819. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7 AM to 5:30 PM, Fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas W. Owens can be reached on (571) 272-1662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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